

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	A.D. Dupree et al.	Attorney Docket No.:	GGPL122090
Application No.:	10/733827	Art Unit:	3677 / Confirmation No.: 2173
Filed:	December 11, 2003	Examiner:	Ruth C. Rodriguez
Title:	COUPLING DEVICE		

STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

An Examiner interview was held by telephone on December 17, 2008, between Examiner Ruth C. Rodriguez and applicants' representative, Emily C. Peyser. Applicants indicated that a correction was required for Claim 26 to include the phrase "of said first portion" between the words "surface" and "to," as indicated below.

26. A method of using a coupling device for providing redundant attachment between an arm of a user and a device having a closed handle, the method comprising:

obtaining a coupling device having first and second ends, said coupling device comprising a strap having a first portion and a second portion and each portion having a first side surface and a second side surface, said first end including a first loop defining a first opening, wherein said first loop is oriented in a substantially open position, and said second end including a second loop defining a second, larger opening, wherein said first loop defining said first opening is formed by attaching a portion of said first side surface of said first portion to a portion of said second side surface of said first portion;

routing either said first loop or said second loop through the closed handle;
moving a distal tip of said second loop toward said first opening without substantially twisting said coupling device about a longitudinal axis of said coupling device;

inserting said second loop through said first opening without substantially twisting said coupling device about the longitudinal axis of said coupling device;
and

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pulling said second loop through said first opening to tighten said coupling device to said closed handled device without substantially twisting said coupling device about the longitudinal axis of said coupling device.

The Examiner agreed to make this change by Examiner's Amendment in order to place the application in condition for allowance. A supplemental notice of allowability was mailed on December 31, 2008.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative with any remaining questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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